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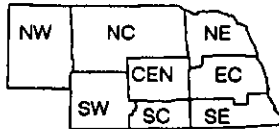
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged near normals across the State. Only trace amounts of precipitation occurred early in the week in the northeast; otherwise, the State was dry.

GENERAL

Harvest progress was again limited last week by high grain moisture content and wet field conditions, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. As fields dried sufficiently for harvest equipment to maneuver properly, producers kept corn and milo coming out of the fields as rapidly as drying equipment on farms and at elevators could handle the grain. Other activities included moving hay to winter feeding areas, fencing stalks for gleaning, and moving cattle to stalks.

CROPS

Corn harvest made slow progress last week due to wet surface conditions and the slow grain dry down in the field. Harvest completion rose to 57% as of Sunday, but was about four and a half weeks behind normal at 98%. Artificial drying continued a necessity as most harvested

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grain still contains a high moisture content, a potential storage problem. Most replanted fields in the western and central areas have had limited harvesting to date due to high grain moisture test.

Sorghum harvest made good progress last week but remained about three and a half weeks behind normal. Grain moisture content remained a concern with artificial drying a necessity in many cases.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 37% fair, 57% good, and 6% excellent. Additional moisture continued to be needed in many western fields to ensure adequate fall growth. Reports of aphids and wheat streak mosaic in several western fields were received.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 96% of normal and compares with 69% last year at this time. Cattle continued to be moved to stalk fields as stalks became available. Supplemental haying continued as cattle wait for stalk fields.

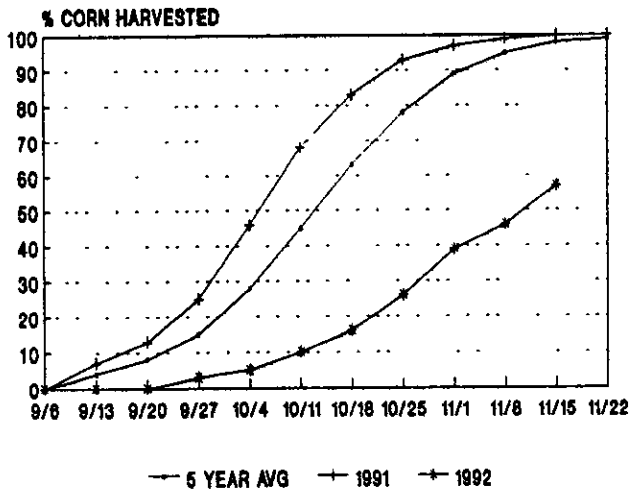
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	71	54	34	64	60	33	83	78	57	46	100	98
% sorghum harvested	0	65	82	70	77	67	81	75	75	59	100	99
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 13, 1992												
Days suitable	68	53	46	53	53	7.0	5.6	5.1	5.5	2.8	05	
Topsoil moisture - Short	55	8	0	8	0	57	0	0	11	6	43	
(Percent) - Adequate	45	84	63	92	74	43	100	88	75	69	54	
- Surplus	0	8	37	0	26	0	0	12	14	25	3	
Subsoil moisture - Short	36	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	83	
(Percent) - Adequate	64	92	79	100	87	100	100	100	90	85	17	
- Surplus	0	0	21	0	13	0	0	0	6	8	0	

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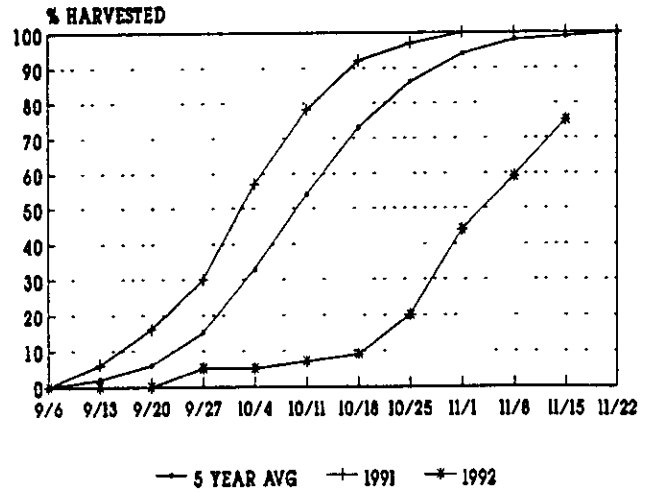
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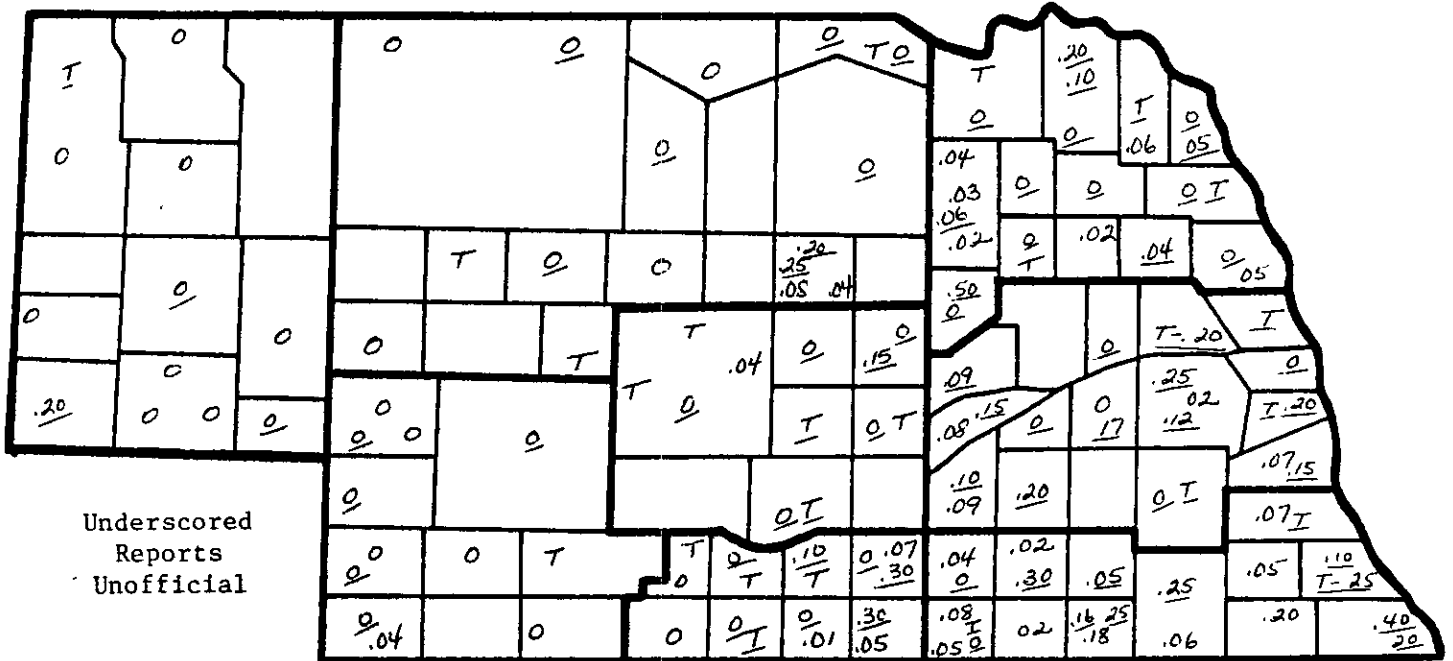
CORN HARVESTED



SORGHUM HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1992



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1992

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	66	16	39	---	0
Scottsbluff	65	14	36	-1	0
Sidney	65	18	38	---	0
NC Valentine	64	16	37	+2	0
NE Norfolk	54	21	37	0	.04
Sioux City	57	22	37	-1	.04
CEN Grand Island	54	22	38	-1	.03
Ord	53	24	39	---	0
EC Lincoln	55	24	39	-1	.02
Omaha	55	26	40	+1	0
SW Imperial	67	18	40	---	0
North Platte	66	20	39	+3	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.